



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Older Americans Month was established in 1963 to acknowledge the contributions made to our country by past and current “older persons” and to celebrate their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday; about one third of older Americans lived in poverty; and, there were few programs to meet their needs. By improving and maintaining programs that assist older persons, we help these important citizens enjoy longer, healthier and more productive lives; and
- WHEREAS,** Our nation’s strength and vitality resides in its citizens. We honor and recognize older Americans for their important sacrifices and contributions to our society, in particular those who have served to protect and defend our country; and
- WHEREAS,** We cherish the opportunity to draw on the experience-based wisdom of individuals who happen to be older and to create a future in which long life is treasured for the possibilities it presents.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2006, as

### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

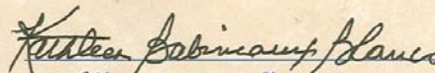
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 16th day of May  
A. D., 2006*

  
Governor of Louisiana